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- 1. NOVEMBER 14-15 VISIT TO GHANA OF OAU CHAIRMAN SOMALI PRESIDENT MOHAMMED SIAD BARRE PRODUCED ROUTINE COMMUNIQUE CALLING FOR IINTENSIFICATION OF CAMPAIGN AGAINST APARTHEID SOUTH AFRICA, EXPRESSING REGRET AT THREE-POWER VETO OF UN SECCOUNCIL RESOLTION TO EXPEL SOUTH AFRICA. ALSO NOTED WEERE IMPORTANCE OF AFRO-ARAB COOPERATION, AND POSSIBILITY THAT NORMAL RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL COULD BE ESTABLISHED BY INDEPENDENT AFRICAN STATES ON BASIS MUTUAL RESPECT AND TRUST.
- 2. STATE LUNCHEON SPEECH BY GHANAIAN HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG CALLED ON AFRICAN STATES TO POOL EFFORTS FOR COMPLETE LIBERATION OF AFRICA, AND CRITICIZED US, UK AND FRANCE FOR "BAREFACED HYPOCRISY" IN UN SECCOUNCIL VETO. BARRE'S SPEECH INCLUDED RESEPECTIFUL REFERENCES TO KWAME NKRUMAH, AND CALLED FOR AFRICANS TO FORM CONTINENTAL SHIPPING LINE, AIRLINE, TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORK, BANK, AND PAN-AFRICAN NEWS AGENCY.
- 3. ALL IN ALL, FOR GHANAIANS EVENT WAS RATHER HO-HUM EXCEPT FOR THEIR IRRITATION OVER ON-AGAIN, OFF-AGAIN NATURE OF BARRE'S ARRIVAL IN ACCRA. DAY BEOFRE HE ACUTALLY ARRIVED, NEWSPAPERS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANOUNCED HIS IMMINENT ARRIVAL, SCHOOL-CHILDREN WERE LINED UP

ON STREETS, AND DIPLOMATIC CORPS TROOPED OUT TO AIRPORT TWICE TO MEET PLANE WHICH DID NOT COME. HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG MADE ONE FRUITLESS TRIP TO AIRPORT HIMSELF. NEVERTHELESS, CHANAIANS SHOWED USUAL HOSPITALITY WHEN BARRE FINALLY GOT HERE, AND ARE ALWAYS INTERESTED IN AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR FIRM PAN-AFRICANIST SENTIMENTS IN SPEECHES AND MEDIA RELEASES. HANSON

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